

Subject card

Subject name and code	The Anatomy of Corruption - Legal, Criminological and Practical Aspects - lecture, PG_00201559						
Field of study	Administration						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	3		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Department of Material Criminal Law and Criminology -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Agnieszka Dalecka-Werpachowska				
	Teachers		dr Agnieszka Dalecka-Werpachowska				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		0.0		20.0	50
Subject objectives	Understanding the nature, determinants, and consequences of corruption in public administration, taking into account legal, criminological, and practical perspectives. The course will address key legal regulations concerning corruption offenses, oversight and accountability mechanisms, as well as instruments for preventing corruption. The knowledge acquired will enhance the ability to analyze corruption cases, identify risk areas, and assess the impact of corruption on the functioning of public institutions, public trust, and the management of public funds. Particular emphasis is placed on ethical reflection and the informed use of expert knowledge in solving complex administrative problems.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[ADMINMU2_WG02] At an advanced level, the student identifies and understands the legal and administrative conditions of various forms of social and economic life, including the rights and obligations of individuals towards other individuals and state authorities.	The student has an in-depth knowledge of the legal determinants of corrupt conduct and the principles of liability for corruption, particularly in relations between individuals and public administration authorities and in economic activity.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[ADMINMU2_WK03] The student knows and understands the current dilemmas regarding the functioning of institutions of substantive and procedural law in the sphere of the state and administration. Furthermore, he identifies key phenomena occurring in the market economy and public finance, and also knows and understands the basic principles governing the operation of various forms of entrepreneurship.	The student knows and understands the legal, institutional and social determinants of corruption in the sphere of the state, public administration and economic activity, as well as the importance of anti-corruption mechanisms.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
	[ADMINMU2_KK01] The student has an advanced awareness of the role of knowledge in problem-solving, as well as the necessity of relying on expert knowledge – including the views of legal doctrine and jurisprudence – in situations that exceed the capacity for independent problem-solving.	The student has an in-depth awareness of the importance of expert knowledge, legal doctrine and case law in identifying and solving legal problems related to corruption.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[ADMINMU2_WG01] At an advanced level, the student is able to define the sciences of law and administration, knows and understands the terminology, methods, and theories arising from legal sciences and related disciplines, relevant to issues concerning public authorities, the system of the state, and administration.	The student has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the concepts, legal regulations and selected criminological approaches concerning corruption, its mechanisms, forms and methods of prevention.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW3] text preparation/written work
Subject contents			
The course is delivered in a lecture format with interactive elements, including case analysis, group discussions, interpretation of legal provisions, and review of institutional materials. The lecture is designed not only to convey theoretical knowledge but above all to develop competencies essential for the responsible performance of duties in public administration, taking into account corruption risks and mechanisms to counteract them. Lecture topics: 1. Discussion of the nature and causes of corruption, including legal, criminological, and ethical perspectives. 2. Overview of key legal regulations related to corruption offenses in Poland and the European Union. 3. Identification of high-risk areas for corruption within public administration. 4. Discussion of anti-corruption mechanisms, including the role and competences of public institutions (NIK, GIIF, CBA), internal audit, and tools such as compliance, managerial control, and whistleblowing. 5. Ethics in public administration and civil servant accountability. 6. Case studies analysis of selected corruption cases. 7. Discussion on the importance of expert knowledge and interdisciplinary approaches in combating corruption, including the role of institutional cooperation and independent analysis, as well as the benefits of integrating legal, administrative, and criminological knowledge.			

Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	written exam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. The Act of 6 June 1997 Penal Code, 2. The Act of 25 June 2010 on Sport, 3. Civil Law Convention on Corruption, done at Strasbourg on 4 November 1999, 4. Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, done at Strasbourg on 27 January 1999, 5. United Nations Convention against Corruption, adopted by the UN General Assembly on 31 October 2003, 6. The Act of 14 June 2024 on the Protection of Whistleblowers.	
	Supplementary literature	1. Augustyniak M., <i>Anti-Corruption Instruments in Local Government. Selected Issues</i> , 1st ed., Wolters Kluwer Polska, 2022. 2. Bacia B., <i>Whistleblower Protection and Anti-Corruption Measures in Business Practice</i> , 1st ed., Wolters Kluwer, 2024. 3. Bojarski J., <i>Economic Corruption. A Study in the Field of Criminal Policy</i> , Nicolaus Copernicus University Press, 2015. 4. Nowak C., <i>Corruption in Polish Criminal Law in the Context of International Regulations</i> , C.H. Beck Publishing, Warsaw, 2008. 5. Szelest - Woźny A. M., <i>Corruption. An Analysis of State Dysfunction Using the Example of Poland (1989-2007)</i> , Mado Publishing House, 2012.	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. List and discuss the main corruption-related offenses under the Penal Code. 2. What are the causes of systemic corruption in public administration? 3. What legal and organizational instruments are used to prevent corruption? 4. What is the role of a whistleblower and how are they protected by law?		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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